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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PLOS
SUBJECT: LOS: WEEKLY CLASSIFIED SUMMARY WEEK ENDING MARCH 19

1. SUMMARY: IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO TELL WHETHER OR NOT SUFFICIENT GOVERNMENT DECISIONS HAVE BEEN MADE TO PERMIT AGREEMENT ON BASIC DIFFERENCES AT GENEVA. MOST SUPPORT CONFERENCE PRESIDENT'S VIEW THAT MINIMUM REQUIRED ACCOMPLISHMENT AT GENEVA IS AGREED ARTICLE TEXTS ON COMMITTEE-2 ESSENTIAL ISSUES. SOME HARDLINERS WERE SHOWING SIGNS OF FLEXIBILITY ON SOME C-II ISSUES. MODERATES APPEAR TO BE GAINING GROUND PHILOSOPHICALLY IN C-I BUT THERE IS AS YET NO INDICATION OF SUBSTANTIAL BREAKTHROUGH ON SPECIFICS. EVENSEN GROUP IS PROCEEDING WITH DRAFT ON ECONOMIC ZONE ARTICLES WITH HOPE OF PRODUCING TEXT FOR GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN TWO WEEKS. IT IS OBVIOUS TO ALL THAT KEY TO CONFERENCE
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WILL BE NEGOTIATION DURING FIRST TWO WEEKS, INCLUDING

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PROBE OF U.S. POSITIONS, TO DETERMINE WHETHER REQUISITE POLITICAL ACCOMMODATION ON KEY ISSUES IS POSSIBLE. END SUMMARY.

2. ORGANIZATION OF WORK: COMMITTEE I. IN ABSENCE OF CHAIRMAN ENGO, PINTO, WHO WAS CHAIRMAN OF WORKING GROUP IN CARACAS, INDICATED INTENTION TO PROCEED IN WORKING GROUP WITH FOCUS ON DISCUSSION OF BASIC CONDITIONS OF EXPLOITATION WHICH MIGHT ILLUMINATE LATER RECONSIDERATION OF CONTENTS OF ARTICLE 9 (WHO SHALL EXPLOIT). FOR GROUP OF 77 DISCUSSION OF SEABED ITEMS SEE PARA (6).

3. COMMITTEE 2: IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAIRMAN'S SUGGESTION C-2 IS HOLDING FORMAL MEETINGS ONLY IN MORNING TO PERMIT INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS IN AFTERNOON ORGANIZED BY CHAIRMAN AND EVENSEN GROUP. MORNING MEETINGS SERVE TO OCCUPY CONFERENCE DELEGATES NOT ENGAGED IN INFORMAL NEGOTIATIONS. POSSIBLE CONSTRUCTIVE DISCUSSION OF ARTICLES ON LESS CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES HAS NOT COME ABOUT DUE LARGELY TO LACK OF FORCEFUL LEADERSHIP BY CHAIRMAN GALINDO POHL (EL SALVADOR). WHILE ONE INFORMAL GROUP WAS MEETING WITH HIM WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, CONCURRENT INFORMAL COMMITTEE MEETING AT PROMPTING OF SOVS ELECTED AFGHAN REP AS CHAIRMAN OF GROUP. HE SUBSEQUENTLY PRODUCED "COMPROMISE" TEXT ON TERRITORIAL SEA REPLETE WITH FUNDAMENTAL MISCONCEPTIONS. AFGHAN AMB. AKRAN IS NEW HEAD OF DEL, UNFAMILIAR WITH LOS ISSUES, AND AT INFORMAL MEETING WITH AMB. STEVENSON EXPRESSED SOME PUZZLEMENT AS TO ROLE HE WAS TO PLAY. IN ANY EVENT, IT IS CLEAR THAT DESPITE SOME GRUMBLING MAIN NEGOTIATIONS AND DRAFTING ON ECONOMIC ZONE IS IN EVENSEN GROUP WHICH IS PROCEEDING WITH DAILY AND AFTERNOON MEETINGS.

4. COMMITTEE 3: ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF C-3 IS ALSO SUFFERING FROM PROBLEM OF INTERFACE WITH EVENSEN GROUP SINCE CHAIRMAN YANKOV, U.S. AND SEVERAL OTHERS WANT VESSEL POLLUTION ISSUES NEGOTIATED IN EVENSEN GROUP. MAIN EVENT OF OPENING DAYS WAS INTRODUCTION BY SOVS AFTER WIDESPREAD CONSULTATION, BUT NOT WITH U.S., OF CONFIDENTIAL

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ARTICLES ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH WHICH PROVIDE INTERALIA FOR CONSENT ON SHELF RESEARCH, CONSENT ON EXPLORATION IN ECONOMIC ZONE RELATED TO ECONOMIC RESOURCES AND TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS OF RESEARCH DATA. ON QUESTION OF INTRODUCTION OF GROUP OF 17 DRAFT ARTICLES ON MARINE POLLUTION U.S. HAS DECIDED NOT TO CO-SPONSOR SINCE DRAFT DOES NOT PROTECT ADEQUATELY PORT STATE ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITY, AND SOVIETS WILL

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APPARENTLY INTRODUCE THEIR OWN ARTICLES.

5. EVENSEN GROUP: GROUP IS MEETING EVERY AFTERNOON ON ECONOMIC ZONE TEXT WHICH, IF IT CAN BE COMPLETED, AS CONTEMPLATED WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS, WILL HAVE GREAT ADVANTAGE OF PRE-EMPTING THE FLOOR IN C-2 DISCUSSIONS.

6. GROUP OF 77: GROUP MET FOR WEEK PRIOR TO OPENING OF CONFERENCE AND SEVERAL TIMES SINCE PRINCIPALLY ON C-1 ISSUES. THEY ARE WORKING INTENSIVELY ON MACHINERY ARTICLES AND INTEND MEET DAILY IN ATTEMPT REACH AGREEMENT. WE UNDERSTAND 77 DRAFT, WHILE PROTECTING LDC INTERESTS, IS PERCEIVED BY THEM AS MAJOR STEP TOWARDS U.S., PRINCIPALLY ON COUNCIL COMPOSITION. GROUP DISCUSSION HAS FOCUSED ON FORMULAS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF COUNCIL THAT WOULD ENSURE OVERLAPPING BALANCE OF DEVELOPED, CONSUMER AND PRODUCER DEVELOPING COUNTRY INTERESTS. FONSECA (COLOMBIA) SAID 77 CURRENT DRAFTING EFFORT ON INTERNATIONAL MACHINERY ARTICLES MIGHT TAKE FROM THREE WEEKS TO MONTH. MANY DELS HAVE MADE POINT OF CONVEYING MESSAGE TO USDEL THAT MODERATES HAVE MADE HARD AND SUCCESSFUL FIGHT IN 77 MEETINGS AND NOW FORTHCOMING RESPONSE FROM US IS NEEDED IN EARLY WEEKS OR EXTREMISTS LIKELY TO REGAIN CONTROL OF C-1 NEGOTIATIONS.

7. INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS AND LIAISON REPORTS: INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN CONTINUING ON BILATERAL ISSUES INCLUDING DISCUSSIONS ON FISHERIES QUESTIONS, SEPARATELY REPORTED, AND BY AMBASSADOR MOORE AND RADM MORRIS ON STRAITS ISSUES. AMB. STEVENSON HAS HELD SERIES OF MEETINGS DESIGNED PRIMARILY MEET NEW HEADS OF DELEGATION, AND HEADS OF DELEGATION OF COUNTRIES NOT PART OF CONFERENCE
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LEADERSHIP. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATIONS NUMBER LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES AGAIN STRESSING IMPORTANCE OF ACCESS TO SEA ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF WHAT THEY SEE AS SHRINKING OF COMMON HERITAGE. AFRICAN AND ARAB GROUPS ARE BOTH MEETING IN COURSE OF WEEK. ARAB GROUP CLEARLY STILL DIVIDED ON STRAITS ISSUE ACCORDING TO SADI (JORDAN), A SPLIT WHICH WAS INDICATED IN PARTICIPATION BY OMAN WITH SPANISH AND MOROCCO IN EFFORT IN C-2 TO INCLUDE STRAITS IN TERRITORIAL SEA DEFINITION.

8. COMMENT: USDEL CONCURS WITH GENERAL ASSESSMENT THAT FIRST TWO OR THREE WEEKS OF CONFERENCE WILL BE CRITICAL. UPCOMING GROUP OF 5 MEETING MAY PULL TOGETHER SOME FRAYING EDGES INCLUDING SOMEWHAT PUZZLING ACTIVITIES OF SOVIET DEL WHICH MAY BE DUE TO PRESENCE OF NUMBER OF

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SENIOR MINISTERS UNFAMILIAR WITH LOS HAMPERING FLEXIBILITY
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